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PATENT

Practitioner's Docket No. 0108.11

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In re application of: Mazen Hanna et al.

Application No.: 09/996,020

Group No.: 1765

Filed: 11/27/2001

Examiner: E. Johnson

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE FORMATION OF PARTICLES

Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 500348.

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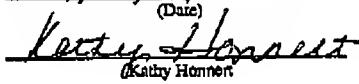
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Examiner	:	Johnson, Edward M.)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action in the above-referenced case dated October 8, 2003. Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.